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The Council's Prom

The annual reception of the Council of Upper Classmen occurred last night True Reformers' Hall was the scene of a brilliant social gathering. These annual occasions of the Council have come to be pleasantly anticipated ones. The list of invited guests is an exclusive one, and everything contributes to a happy gathering of congenial folk. The reception of last evening was no exception to this rule. Most enjoyable of all the features was the excellent music furnished by the Lyric Orchestra. Following is the list of patronesses:

Miss Elizabeth A. Cook
Mrs. Mary Church Terrell
Mrs. Kelly Miller
Mrs. W. T. Vernon
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The Elijah

Mendelssohn's "Elijah" which was rendered last spring by the University Choral Society with such marked success, will be repeated by that society at the First Congregational church, May 8. The chorus has for some time been constantly rehearsing under the direction of Miss Childers, director of music, and promises to do even better than last year. Mr. H. T. Burleigh, of New York, will again be heard as Elijah. The other soloists and further particulars will be announced later. But let no lover of music miss this rendition.

Four Elements of Leadership

By R. B., T. C., '06

Mrs. Browning, out of her rich store of knowledge, wrote:

"It takes a soul to move a body; it takes a high-souled man to move the masses."

As young people we are to move the masses; men are to be touched and uplifted by our lives and conduct. There are many elements that tend to make a leader. Chief among them are these: character, courage, unselfishness and patience.

Character is that which merits self-respect, wins the approval of God, and enables one to demand the respect of others. The strength and prosperity of a nation or an individual, if he be a leader, depend largely upon character. From earlier times down to the present, the decline and failure of national glory have been due largely to weakness in the character of the leaders. To such may be attributed the downfall of the Roman Empire and the devastation of France by a bloody revolution. Leaders of the past have been slow to recognize the fact that character is the most potent factor in social order. Self-appointed leaders have arisen; some whose marked abilities seemed to substantiate their claim to a God-given mission. These have flourished for a while, teeming millions have bowed under the sway of their scepter. But where are they today? Nothing remains but the sad memory of their mighty fall. But leaders of strong character can be, and are, a benefit to themselves, a blessing to their day and generation, and worthy instruments in the hand of their Maker.

Such chances for usefulness are

not confined to the ministers of the gospel alone, as many believe. The artist, the musician and the teacher perform an equally important work for humanity.

The artist paints his own character in the picture, the musician weaves his life into the songs, while the true teacher pours her character into immortal minds, filling them with aspirations hopeful, profound and Godlike.

Another element of leadership is courage. We may not all, like a Washington or a Dewey, be called to take a Yorktown or a Manila and write our names above the stars, but we will be called upon to fight intemperance, ignorance, immorality and vice, and have our names written upon the unpopular side of many a great question. Have we the courage to withstand every opposition? We admire the courage of the Swiss Guards, who were never known to leave their post of duty, and members of the Light Brigade, who would face death rather than disobey an order. But these do not show the courage that Luther did when he burned the papal bull and tacked his thesis on the old church door at Wittenberg, or even our own Professor Miller, who, in the midst of fiery speeches by thoughtless senators and the hostile criticisms of prejudiced journalists, maintains his usual thoughtful air and in due time responds in behalf of his people in a manner befitting one who is worthy to be called a leader indeed.

Lamb says:

"The greatest leader I know is he who does good by stealth, to have it found out by accident."

He who goes forth and works merely to fill his own coffers, is not a true leader. Unselfishness marks

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In the College World

Yale has received \$300,000 from the General Education Board.

The tendency to give to the alumni representation in the governing boards of universities is steadily increasing.

New York University offers a new course in "Practical Salesmanship."

The annual expenditure in maintaining the Cornell boat crews is about \$12,000, and there is scarcely any income. Of this sum \$2,000 goes to the coach and \$2,000 is spent on the navy training table. The athletic association maintains a steam launch and a gasoline launch for the use of the coach which entails considerable expense

for repairs, insurance, salary to engineers, etc. A man is kept employed to build the navy shells.

Brown University sent an expedition to Kingston, Jamaica, to investigate concerning the earthquake there.

Recently Brown defeated both Dartmouth and Williams in intercollegiate debates. In both contests Brown had the affirmative of the question, "Resolved, that armed intervention is not justifiable on the part of any nation to collect on behalf of private individuals financial claims against American nations."

The University of Wisconsin on April 5 defeated the University of Iowa in an intercollegiate debate at Madison on the subject of the municipal ownership of street railways. Iowa had the affirmative and Wisconsin the negative.

On April 5 Iowa was defeated in debate by the University of Minnesota on the same subject as above, Iowa affirmative and Minnesota negative.

At Lincoln, Neb., on April 5, the University of Wisconsin defeated the University of Nebraska on the same subject, municipal ownership, Wisconsin negative and Nebraska affirmative. William Jennings Bryan presided at this debate.

The Board of the University of Cincinnati has appropriated sufficient money to clear away the debts of the athletic council, thus enabling the students to start spring athletics with a clean sheet.

At Pinehurst, N. C., there commenced last Tuesday and adjourned today a session of the Conference for Education in the South. Mr. Robert C. Ogden is president of the conference.

Benjamin Thaw of Pittsburg has given \$50,000 to the fund for the proposed new building of the Western

University of Pennsylvania.

At a meeting of the Intercollegiate Swimming Association a few days ago, at which delegates from Princeton Pennsylvania, Brown, Yale, Columbia and Harvard were present, the championship of the league was officially awarded to Princeton.

On April 20 the University of California and Leland Stanford Jr. University will meet in track and field events.

"Among the Breakers"—Drama

"Among the Breakers," a drama in two acts, was presented last Thursday evening in Andrew Rankin Chapel by the Pestalozzi-Froebel Literary Society in a manner to elicit the unstinted praise of the large audience which witnessed the performance. This was one of the heaviest and most complete pieces of dramatic work attempted here and was presented in such a way by the cast of ten amateur actors as to win for each of them special mention, had we the space.

SYNOPSIS

David Murray fifteen years after stealing and casting in to the waves the only daughter of Bruce Hunter, who was adopted and became heir of David's father because of David's dissipation, meets his adopted brother after the wreckage of his yacht at the light-house where David is the keeper, and plans to complete his revenge.

Mother Carey, David Murray's neglected and deserted wife on the night that Bess was stolen, left her own son and a note at Bruce Hunter's door in order that she might follow her husband. She rescues the child whom David throws in the breakers and after fifteen years brings David to repentance and the family reunion is completed.

In the role of the Hon. Bruce Hunter, the hero, Mr. Chas. L. Cooper found a part much suited to him and his interpretation of it was good. The part of David Murray, the villain, was well acted by Mr. W. P. Smith. Excellent support was rendered by Mr. J. Oliver Morrison as Clarence Hunter, Mr. G. Hines as Peter Paraglyph, and J. E. Hayes as Larry Denine, an Irish character. The female characters were also especially well adapted to their parts. As "Mother Carey," a fortune teller, Miss Bertha J. Moudy showed much ability and elicited much praise. Miss Fannie E. Brooks as Bess Starbright, Miss Ione Hutchins as Minnie Daze, and Miss Bessie McKinney as Biddy Bean, an Irish girl, each deserve special praise. The laughable role of Scud, the colored servant, was well acted by Mr. Geo. W. Overton, who won for himself a reputation as comedian and fun maker.

Manager Shorter Speaks

MR. EDITOR:

I carefully read the article written by Mr. Fleming in The Journal of March 29th, concerning "Observations on Athletic Needs." Mr. Fleming, who is the esteemed president of our Athletic Association and also an honorable member of the Athletic Council, has given the "real reason" why the Athletic Council did not accept the Dartmouth game. That the reason is a good one, nobody will deny. But why did not Mr. Fleming also give the "real reason" why the Athletic Council did not accept the game with the Charlestown Clippers on the 24th and 25th of May? Mr. Fleming has carefully taken the pains not even to mention the action of the Athletic Council in regard to this game.

Let us review the "real reasons" why the Athletic Council did not accept both of these offers. The manager wrote to Dartmouth College some time ago, asking Dartmouth for a baseball game. Dartmouth offered to play a game with us on the 6th of April, for one hundred and fifty dollars. The Council did not accept this game for the following reason (quoting from Mr. Fleming):

"The real reason that the Athletic Council hesitated to accept the Dartmouth offer was not so much on account of the financial condition of the Athletic Association. It was because they feared that by April 9th (meaning April 6th) Howard could not put upon the field a team in condition to do justice to itself and the fair name of our beloved alma mater."

"So well, so good." We all agree with the Council. Again, the Charlestown Clippers, who last year gave us a round trip ticket for ten men to Charleston, W. Va., asked for two games here on the 24th and 25th of May for \$75. The Athletic Council did not accept this offer for the following reason: The Athletic Council hesitated to accept the offer from the Charlestown Clippers not so much that they feared that by May 24th Howard could not put upon the field a team

that would do justice to itself and its fair alma mater, but they feared the financial condition of the Athletic Association.

Many of the students disagree with the members of the Council. If they did not fear the financial condition of the Athletic Association on April 6th, why should they fear the financial condition of the Association on May 24th?

The members of the Athletic Council, for whom we have the greatest respect, do not seem to understand thoroly the circumstances of the relation of the Charlestown Clippers to Howard. The honor and reputation of our beloved alma mater is at stake in this matter. The members of the Council do not seem to realize this. We owe them a debt which we can not wholly pay and as they stated in their letter, they do not expect us to give them the same treatment as Howard received from them. Last year we promised to give them a return this year. Every loyal Howardite should go down in his pocket and give the Charlestown Clipper's Club every cent which they have asked. And in the future we should be careful not to be placed in such a situation as we are in at present.

As has already been said, we all have the greatest respect for the members of the Athletic Council. That they have done everything for the good of the University and of athletics, we will admit. But the manager thinks that in order to do justice "to ourselves, our fair alma mater" and the public (to whom we have sold season tickets for one dollar) the Charlestown Clippers and Shaw University baseball clubs should play on our campus at all hazards.

Many have asked, Why do we play games with these local teams? The reason is quite clear—the Athletic Council will not accept offers from Dartmouth and the Charlestown Clippers, for fear of the team's not being in condition and also for fear of the financial condition of the Athletic Association. There

are no others to play. The public can see the exact position in which the manager is placed. If the season is not what it should be, "let none look at me, let none look at me," for I have done all that is within my power to arrange a good schedule. JOHN A. SHORTER,

Manager.

Song Service April 21st

On the 21st inst. the University Choir will be heard in another song service. This will be welcome news to the many who heard them on March 3rd, on which occasion standing room was at a premium in the chapel.

President Thirkield addressed the local Y. M. C. A. last Sunday afternoon at True Reformers' Hall on the subject, "The Hour Strikes." It was the occasion of the eve of their 30-day campaign to raise \$25,000 in order to secure an equal amount from John D. Rockefeller.

The sermon at vespers last Sunday was preached by Rev. Dr. Sterling N. Brown, pastor of Lincoln Temple Congregational Church. He delivered an able discourse based upon the words of St. Paul: "I press forward to the mark of the prize of the high calling which is in Christ Jesus the Lord."

Nearly \$5,000 was subscribed on the first day of the 30-day canvass of the colored Y. M. C. A. of Washington.

Prof. Miller at Albany

On Sunday, 7th inst., Prof. Kelly Miller at Albany addressed the Episcopal Institute for Work among Negroes in the South. This institute has charge of all the educational work of the Protestant Episcopal church among the colored people of the South. Prof. Miller and Mr. Hamilton W. Mabie, editor of the Outlook, were the principal speakers. Bishop Doane, of the diocese of Western New York, presided.

Cold sweaters prevented the game last Saturday, between the Varsity and the medical School.

SAD TO REL-VIII
A maiden who infrequently VIII
Would murmur "just pass me a
pVIII."

I'm too much celestial
For viands terrestrial;
I'll have but a kiss and a dVIII."
—Lippincott's.

The lawyer plies a crafty art,
For when on him we call,
Expecting him to take our part,
He's apt to take our all,

JOHNNIE'S SUBTRACTION

"Now in order to subtract," explained the teacher, "the numbers have to be of the same denomination."

"For instance, we could 'nt take three apples from four years nor six horses from nine dogs."

A hand went up in the back of the room.

"Well Johnny?" smiled the unsuspecting teacher.

"Please, ma'am," shouted the boy, can't you take ten quarts of milk from three cows?"

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Four Elements of Leadership

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the leader as much as character and courage. If we, who have had the good fortune to receive an education, are to be the leaders in our community, we must keep in mind that our knowledge has been given us for an inspiration to the grandest and most unselfish service for God and man. We should follow the example of Christ, the greatest leader the world has ever known, who went out into the hedges and highways to seek the lost. If we would please our Father we must do likewise, for he who leads for self is the one who in God's sight fails.

Often those to whom we go as instructors have not had our opportunities to better their condition. In dealing with such people one must be patient. But in the true leader, the noble character and high standard which shine forth from day to day will change the most averse. They will begin to appreciate each effort put forth in their behalf and seek to better their condition. The time of awakening may seem long. Yet, as Trowbridge tells us, we must learn patience from a lesson,

Tho the night be drear and long,
To the darkest sorrow there comes a
morrow,
A right to every wrong.

Every individual has within him the elements of leadership, tho some in a greater degree than others.

We cannot all be Booker Washingtons, to lead and influence hundreds. But if, by our conscious effort we can pry open the window of the soul of one, so that as thru a crevice a shaft of light may pierce the gloom of doubt and remind such a one of the great infinite God who rules the universe, we, like the man with two talents, shall receive the commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

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To rise from an easy place you must make it a hard place. It is working above inclination that counts.

Societies

ALPHA PHI

On account of the lateness of the season the challenge from the Law School Debating Society was rejected. The following program was rendered:

Recitation	Miss Landers
Recitation	C. C. Lathers
Original Poem	J. W. Wilson
Recitation	Miss Mondey

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

The president of the Y. P. S. C. E. appointed the committees for the present term. The occasion was the monthly consecration meeting and Mr. R. J. Hawkins led.

EUREKA

The Eureka, having adjourned its mock congress, is now busy in conducting a mock court.

Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. will be addressed by Prof. Geo. W. Cook, Dean of the Commercial Department, Sunday, April 14, at 3 p. m. Subject, "Why Am I Here?"

A splendid audience greeted Dr. Clark as he arose to address the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday afternoon. In words that will not soon be forgotten he explained why, in this University, a Y. M. C. A. is needed. He closed his instructive and inspiring lecture by appealing to the young men to cultivate the spirit of unity, the "Howard spirit"—as the president is wont to call it.

Do not forget that the Y. M. C. A. meets on Sunday at 3 p. m. We extend a cordial invitation to all young men to be present.

On Thursday evening there will be a general meeting of the association in Clark Hall, at 8 o'clock, led by Mr. J. G. Moore.

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President Thirkield is at Pinehurst, N. C., this week in attendance at the conference of the Southern Education Society.

Athletic Notes

Owing to wet grounds and cold weather there has not been much progress this week in sports on the campus. The baseball team has been held up in practice, only a few reporting each afternoon on account of the chilliness. In all probability it will loosen up in a few days and practice will be resumed once more in earnest.

"Horse" Hodge is back in the game again. His presence strengthens the infield considerably. Hodge "swatted the leather" most last year. If he can do the same this year he will be invaluable.

Captain McCree suffered an accident last Friday afternoon in practice which may keep him out of the game for the rest of the season. While sliding for home his foot struck the corner of the home plate with such force that his knee was severely sprained. This is a severe loss to the team as McCree was very sure on second and had an especial weakness of making base hits. We hope for him a speedy recovery and at least would like to see him present on the field.

"Skybo" Young has been appointed captain in the absence of McCree. This seems to be a very good choice as Young is playing his third year on the "Varsity" in center field. He is thoroly familiar with every detail of the game, besides being a good sticker and an excellent base runner.

The young men's tennis courts are almost in condition for play. The ground has been levelled and two inches of sandy loam spread over it. The courts must be rolled and marked off. Any one may play who is member of the Athletic Association and of the Tennis Club. The club membership fee is 50 cents per year.

Profs. Decatur and Joiner have made a roller for the track. It is a large terra cotta pipe filled with cement. This roller is just the thing for the track and the tennis courts. DUKE '08.

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